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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation,  
PTO 1449 with 2 documents attached.

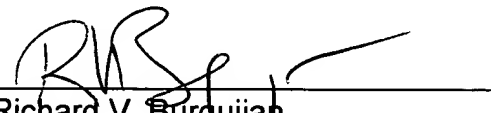
Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. P11-67513, filed March 12, 1999.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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